FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Katabi Maha                             |  |            |                                      | Ae      | Suer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Aerovate Therapeutics, Inc. [ AVTE ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |  |         |            |  |      |   |  |   | all applic  | cable)   | g Pers                                | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov<br>Other (s<br>below) | vner  |  |
|--|--|------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--|--|---------|------------|--|------|---|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AEROVATE THERAPEUTICS, INC.                        |  |            |                                      |         | 01/03/2022   |  |         |            |  |      |   |  |   | belowy  |  |                                       | belowy  |   |  |
| 930 WINTER STREET, SUITE M-500   |  |            |                                      | 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |         |            |  |      |   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)   |   |  |                                       |   |   |  |
| (Street) WALTH   | AM, M  | Α (        | 02451                                |         |  |  |         |            |  |      |   |  | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                 |   |  |                                       |   |   |  |
| (City)   | (SI  |            | (Zip)                                |         |  |  |         |            |  |      |   |  |   |   |  |                                       |   |   |  |
|  |  | Tab        | le I - Nor                           | 1-Deriv | ative  | Sec  | curitie | s Ac       | quired, [  | Disp | osed c  | of, or Be                              | neficia   | lly C   | Owned  | <u> </u>                              |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da                     |  |            |                                      |         | Execution Dat  |  | Date,   | Code (Inst |  |      |   |  | d   9   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported |  | Form: Direct                          |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |            |                                      |         |  |  |         |            | Code   | v    | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)                          | r Price   | - 1   | Transact   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)                 |   |   |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |            |                                      |         |  |  |         |            |  |      |   |  |   |   |  |                                       |   |   |  |
| Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |  |            | ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative |         |  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |         |            | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |      | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |   |  |
|  |  |            |                                      |         | Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Date Title  |  |         |            |  |      | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |   |  |                                       |   |   |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)   | \$10.93  | 01/03/2022 |                                      |         | A <sup>(1)</sup>   |  | 7,240   |            | (1)  | 0:   | 1/02/2032   | Common<br>Stock                        | 7,240   | \$  | \$6.56   | 7,240                                 |   | D   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This option was awarded in lieu of cash compensation pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy. The shares underlying such option shall vest and become exercisable in four equal installments, with the first installment vesting on March 31, 2022, the second installment vesting on June 30, 2022, the third installment vesting on September 30, 2022, and the fourth installment vesting on Septembe on December 31, 2022.

> /s/ George A. Eldridge, 01/05/2022 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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